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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/825,658;*  
*Entitled: "Method for Making a Termination for a Wire Rope for Mining Equipment;"*  
*Inventors: George Robert Gregory and Robert McClure Love, III.*

Sirs:

Enclosed for filing in the above-mentioned application is:

- (1) An Information Disclosure Statement;
- (2) A Form PTO-1449 listing references A1-A3; and
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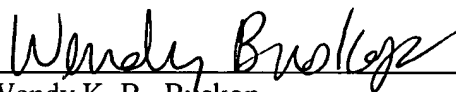
**REFERENCE A1 (US 6,170,145 – Lucas):** “A method of securing a termination element to an end portion of a wire rope, the termination element having an elongated, ductile tubular sleeve portion, including the steps of positioning the end portion of a wire rope within the tubular sleeve portion, positioning the sleeve portion between co-acting dies, the dies having an opening that is non-circular in cross-section, closing the dies a first time to deform the sleeve portion about the wire rope and into a non-circular external cross-section shape opening dies rotating the sleeve portion less than 180.degree. closing the dies a second time to form the sleeve portion into a final external non-circular shape and opening the dies to remove the termination element.”

**REFERENCE A2 (US 6,035,692 – Lucas):** “The termination area of a wire rope is formed by a round or oval sleeve that is formed into a quasi-polygonal, preferably quasi-hexagonal, swage using a two pass die closing method using apparatus wherein opposing die cavity faces or sides include a reservoir space for swage material during the first pass of the die closing.”

**REFERENCE A3 (US 2,151,032 – Jensen):** “The invention relates to joints, used, for example, in splicing wires and the like and to a method of making the same.”

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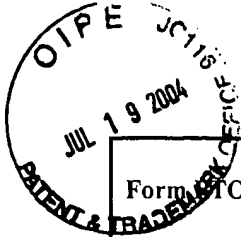
  
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